

REMARKS

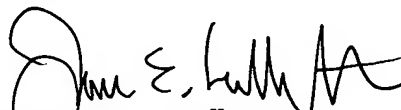
Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 7, 8 and 12, indicated as allowable on page 7 of the office action, have been rewritten in independent form. Also, claim 7 has been amended to overcome the objections on page 2 of the office action. All other claims are now canceled.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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